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### **Fastcase/ROSS Partnership**

## **Legal Tech News: Fastcase and ROSS Announce New Partnership, SCOTUS Case Tests Copyright for Annotated State Codes**

Last week, Fastcase and ROSS Intelligence announced a content, research, and development partnership. A [press release on prweb](#) says that with this partnership, ROSS (a legal tech company focused on artificial intelligence) has achieved "data completeness," as its platform now includes case law, statutes, and regulations across all 50 states. Fastcase and ROSS expect to develop new product integrations and joint features that will roll out in the coming months. In other news that is related to Fastcase, a case against the state of Georgia over whether annotated state codes can be copyrighted went before the U.S. Supreme Court last week. The defendant in *Georgia v. Public.Resource.Org Inc.* is a nonprofit that purchased a set of annotated state code, scanned it, and put it online. Georgia holds the copyright to its state code and contracts with LexisNexis to prepare annotations; the company then sells the annotated volumes. Fastcase, which joined several others in filing an amicus brief, has had a separate legal dispute with Casemaker, also involving copyright and Georgia state codes. Learn more about the U.S. Supreme Court case at [ABA Journal](#).

**BREAKING NEWS:** [Fastcase and Casemaker Settle Copyright Litigation over Georgia Regs](#)

## **Think remote workers are happier? Think again**

Remote workers enjoy more freedom in many ways, can skip that daily commute, and are often more productive (that's right?more productive) than their office-based counterparts. But there's a price, according to a recent study by Airtasker, a company that helps clients connect with remote workers. Without a delineation between office and home, and without the social connections provided by coworkers, those who work remotely often suffer from decreased work-life balance and increased anxiety and stress. How big were those differences, and what else did the survey of more than 500 remote workers reveal? Find out at [ragan.com](#).

## **Removal of Price Cap, Sale to Private Equity Firm Could Make .Org Renewal More Expensive**

If your bar's URL ends in .org, you might see an increase in your yearly renewal cost: Private equity firm Ethos Capital has purchased Public Interest Registry (PIR), the nonprofit that runs the .org registry. Earlier this year, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) lifted a long-established price cap in its contract with PIR, despite strenuous opposition from several large nonprofits. PIR says that its stewardship of the .org domain will not change because of the sale, [Mashable](#) reports?but is there cause for concern?

## **A Closer Look at the Consequences of Civil Defendants Going It Alone in Court**

According to a 2015 study from the National Center for State Courts, just 1 in 4 civil defendants had a lawyer, down from nearly all of them in 1992?and in the four years since,

many experts say, it's likely that this trend has continued to accelerate. What's at stake doesn't just come down to winning or losing, one pro bono attorney notes: Lawyers can also help negotiate settlements that are much better for defendants than what they can get on their own. [Bloomberg](#) examines the reasons for this decline in civil representation, and illustrates some of its consequences via the story of one defendant who struggled by herself until she found a pro bono lawyer.



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